

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, please replace paragraph [0033] with the following new paragraph:

In this case, the "inflection point related to the generation amount of the decomposition gas" signifies the point at which the amount of the decomposition gas, which is generated per unit time when the battery is overcharged, with respect to the amount of the electrolytic solution changes, that is, the point at which the inclination of the graph shown in FIG 6 changes. The example shown in FIG 6 will be described in detail. In the case where the amount of the electrolytic solution is smaller than 88g, when the amount of the electrolytic solution increases, the amount of the decomposition gas generated per unit time increases proportionately. However, when the amount of the electrolytic solution is equal to or larger ~~tan~~ than 88g, the amount of the decomposition gas generated per unit time does not change. Namely, the change rate of the decomposition gas per unit time with respect to the amount of the electrolytic solution when the amount of the electrolytic solution is smaller than 88g differs from that when the amount of the electrolytic solution is equal to or larger than 88g. Therefore, the inflection point related to the generation amount of the decomposition gas is "88g" in the example.